# T WHITE MAN IN TEXAS

Wanderings of Alver Nunez Cabeza De Vacs.

ANGE STORY OF ADVENTURE.

Men Who Traveled Through an explored Region, Suffering Many Privations.

history of Texas is a story of wonadventure, of effort prodigious, of at will ever thrill, of humanity unhat will ever thrill, or tulmainty uned. Of recent years the attention
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of the most valuable agencies for ripose of stimulating historical reliable in this State is the Texas State Hisasociation, organized at Austin a year ago. It is using every method le to encourage investigation of the history of the State and to promote terest of Texas citizens in this line indy. The University of Texas is connected with this movement, and idents are helping to gather bits of y that are certainly worth preserv-

he last issue of the Quarterly of the State Historical association a paper as Brownie Ponton and Bates H. Mcad, two students of the State Univitells of the many adventures of Nunez Cabeza de Vaca, the first man to enter Texas, and gives a description of his route in crossing into Mexico. This article is worapermanent place in the historical ure of the Southwest and contains strong points. Part of it is given

strong points. Part of it is given strong points. Part of it is given ide of the Arabian Nights and the of fairy tales and fiction, there is pe no stranger story of adventure that of Cabeza de Vaca's ten years' rrings in Texa's and Mexico. first that we hear of this interest-peniard is in 1527, when he was made treasurer of an expedition under hilo de Narvaez, bound for the gulf of the New World. "Notwithing," says Buckingham Smith, "the realous devotion of scholars, and the east delvings of anityuaries, the place period, both of his birth and decease, evaded their research."

Is he was a man in 1527, his boyyouth and early manhood must have spent in one of the most wonderful is of time—the age in which the Old is found the New—the age in which warm Southern blood of Italy, Spain France, as well as the cold Northern of England, was being intoxicated the love of adventure, with the nof untold wealth. Every explorer red that in this new land lay his on, his palace of Montezuma, waiting lim its Cortez.

For the many expeditions bearing the shifting was that of de Narvaez, with as we have said went Cabeza de as treasurer. The tract which had granted to Narvaez stretched from outhern part of Florida to the Rio de

on the Island, and the number of the Spaniards was reduced to fifteen. These were separated by the Indians, who had practically enslaved them; some were being taken to the mainland, others left on the island. The weather was very seve. o and food scarce. In the springtime the Spaniards, except Cabeza and another, who were too sick to travel, escaped from their masters and started westward down the coast. Nothing had yet been heard of the four who had previously set out. For six years Cabeza led a stave's lire, sometimes on the Island.

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For six years Cabeta led a slave's life, sometimes on the mainland, sometimes on the lesland.

At the end of these six years he and his companion, Lope de Ovicto, escaped from the Indians and started down the coast. After having crossed four rivers, they came to a bay, most probably Matagorda bay. On the farther side of this bay they met a party of Indians coming to visit the Indians on the Island. These told them beyond were three men like the Spaniards. The Indians also said that if Cabeta wished to see them that in the next few days they would be at a wallunt grove not far distant. At this point Lope de Oviedo, terrified by the Indians' tales of cruelty, refused to go farther, and returned to his former masters.

Two days later Cabeta joined the other three in the walnut grove. They were three of the party who had left the island six years before. Their companions had been killed by the Indians or had died from bardships. Of the powerful force which, not long before, Narvaez had led into the swamps of Florida, there now remained only this mere handful of wretched creatures, who maintained a precarious livelihood as slaves of the Indians.

We believe that we can identify the vicinity in which this meeting occurred. But of this we shall speak more at length in another place; it is sufficient to say that the Spaniards were most probably in the neighborhood of Matagorda bay, and, perhape, near the mouth of the Colorado river. They remained quictly here for six months, waiting until the Indians should go to the prickly pear region, at which time, many tribes being gathered together, they thought they could best make their escape. For three months in the year the Indians in that part of the country lived entirely on the fruit of the caetus. So luxuriant and thick is the growth of this plant in Southwestern Texas that we can safely say it was to this region that the ladians exame early.

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of the many expeditions bearing the sh fing was that of de Narvaez, with as we have said went Cabeza de as treasurer. The tract which had granted to Narvaez stretched from outhern part of Florida to the Rio de almas, which has been identified with the Grande. As was usual, the experiment of the coat. Terport of the coat of the coat of the coat of the track, hips were driven off the coat of Florthe pilot assured the Spaniards they near the Rio de las Palmas. Neavaez strongly advised to the contrary by and the vessels along the coat, the to make an inland expedition, of he himself was to be the leader, two parties, he started inland. Let me another tribe, where they stayed eight months.

At this point, their social position, it such it may be called, was exalted beyond their wildest hopes, and they entered upon a career that probably has no parallel in all history. As far back as Cabeza's flave residence on Malhado island, he had coexisted the residence on Malhado island, he had coexisters the Indian fashion; he had done so with seeming reluctance, not dreaming of the tremendous power over the tribes which lay within his gracp. However, he and his friends had scarcely begun their journey towards civilization before the Indians forced this unexpected greatness upon them. "That same night of our arrival," says Cabeza, "some Indians came to Castillo and told them they had great pain in the head, begging had to God, they instantly said all pain had left, and went to their houses, bringing up prickly pears, with a piece of ventson, and taking with him three hundred men, with whom was a searching, those aboard the vestigation of the cross, and commended them the sign of the

the week hat Narvazz and his m 2 had been the beauth the wheek not where is disposed to suffer from junger. True, they come to suffer from junger. True, they come to suffer from junger. True, they come to suffer from junger. True, they came to the village, but in them there were fittle food, and no treasure. For the come to the come of the

# Just Received.

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Our sale of Muslin Underwear continued this week.

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Gowns.	101111
Gowns, ruffled neck as	nd sleeves,
sell at 50c, only	35c
Gowns, lace in neck a boxed pleat yoke, sell 65c, our price	48c
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at only nach	10
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French tucked yoke, V and	square

sell at 50c, only ..... 35c

on the neck of one of the Indians the buckle of a sword belt, to which a nail was fastened. It came, the Indians said, from fastened. It came, the Indians said, from fastened. It came, the Indians said, from the Indians and who had gone to the south.

Hope rose in the hearts of the Spanlards. Were they at last near the Spanlards sexplorers? But as they went on, they found the Indians fleeting on account of this party. The villages were lesserted, the field soutilled. The propile were living on the roots and barks of trees, and to a like cubeistence Cabeza and his companions were forced to resort. I few days journey more and the tracks of the Chtistians were visible. They were in the acignitaries were visible. They were in the acignitaries were visible. They were in the acignitaries can be and they gained about them, and at last Cabeza, leaving the athers some attentials Cabeza, leaving the athers some attentials cance behind, came us with four Spazish horsemen. They took aim to chelt is deserted to him Cabeza told the story of the Indians were persuaded to return to

their villages and bring out food, which they had concealed. The Indians could not be persuaded to believe that Cabers and his companions were also Spaniar's, of whom they were very much afraid.

These Spaniards gave Cabers two guides, who should fend them to the Spaniar settlement. The guides, according a their creders, took them in such a way that they should not again see the Indians, whom the Spaniards, contrary to their primises seized as soon as Cabeza had sone. All of Cabeza's party came near pershing from hunger and thirst, and many of them did But at last they reached the town of Sar Miguel. April 1, 1536, the tirst Spaniah refitement they had seen since they le? Cuba, nearly ten years before. They stayed here some time, and letters written by them to the Spanish king have been of some value in determining their route. On August 9, 1837. Cabeza de Vaza, having passed at Lisbon, Spain.

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# Men's Half Hose.

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Men's Seamless and Stainless Tan and Black Half Hose, 20c kind, 2 pairs for ..... 25c

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100 Dozen Men's Colored Bordered and Plain White Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 15c kind, 3 for ... 25c

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sells at 20c, at.. 10c

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seem to fix the general direction of route, and nothing is found in the a rative which is contradictory; but, on other hand, much of the description ser to strengthen this conclusion and rec-it fairly probable.

The greatest trouble is the democratic party in Texas has been that for the good few years we have been duing the hardest

Should Stand Together. Forney Messenger.

ropeans to traverse this country, their route is a matter of great interest. The only data for determining this is Cabeza's account, necessarily unreliable as to dates and definite information. It is a question that has excited great interest, and one that has been discussed with widely varying results. To make positive assections is under the circumstances impossible; to make approximate ones difficult. Were proof of this needed, it is conclusively on the fact that after careful study on the part of three or four of our great historians, Buckingham Smith, H. H. Bancroft, A. P. Bandelier and others, meta too well known to need comment, they have each settled on a different route.

Then follows several pages discussing various theories, which the young historians summarize as follows:

First, Cabeza met his friends after their long separation, somewhere near the mouth of the Coforado. This is the only place on the gulf coast which satisfies all the conditions given in the Relation: (1) It is shout thirty leagues from the great cacfighting in our own ranks. Not having other party to fight, we have employed the time in fighting one another. It is to the hoped that this campaign will be so can ducted that, whether one or the class wins the nomination, we will not have an anything against the winner that we will regret, when he is alocal before the property words, will have no explanation in the the populate.